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January 16, 1956

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

You will recall the Baltimore Morning Sun of September 26, 1955, attributed to Doctor T. R. M. Howard, Mound Bayou, Mississippi, false statements pertaining to the work of the FBI. I called these misstatements to your attention and you agreed to endeavor to straighten the matter out.

On December 28, 1955, the Chicago American carried a news story headlined "FBI 'Leaks' Hit in Till Acquittals." The story then quoted Doctor Howard as stating, "Confidential information usually leaks from the local FBI offices and witnesses in Negro slaying are subjected to pressures as a result." This statement is, of course, entirely untrue, and I, accordingly, cannot let this pass without challenging the accuracy of the statement. For that reason, I want to furnish you with a copy of a letter which I am sending today to Doctor T. R. M. Howard.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The Bureau's attention is directed to Chicago memorandum dated 11/1/55 captioned CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, IS - C (Bufile 100-3-75). In view of the fact that the Bureau is in receipt of the information contained in referenced memorandum, and due to the security nature of the information and the precarious position of the informant, the information was not included in instant report, which is being disseminated.

In accordance with instructions received telephonically from Inspector [redacted] on 1/6/56, a section entitled "Organizational Structure of the NAACP" has been included in instant report. The leadership of the NAACP is included and it is noted that no documentations were furnished. It was found that the leadership enumerated was similar, with some exceptions, as those furnished in the report of SA [redacted] dated 7/19/54 in which available documentations were furnished. b7C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Organizational Structure of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) set forth. Current membership of NAACP reported to be about 250,000. Pertinent information concerning membership and structure of NAACP set forth. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] Salient parts of article entitled "The 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP" by DOXEY A. WILKERSON which appeared in the August issue of "Political Affairs" set forth. NAACP adopts anti-Communism resolution at National Convention [redacted] b7D

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"POLITICAL AFFAIRS"

Is the official monthly theoretical organ of the CP, USA, according to the testimony of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, self-admitted member of the National Committee, CP, USA, on October 20, 1952, in connection with the trial of United Status vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL.

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DETAILS:

For the purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth be referred to as the NAACP.

All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE NAACP

ORIGIN

From a pamphlet publicly distributed by the NAACP entitled "How the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Began," a history was obtained. The NAACP started when MARY WHITE OVINGTON, its first member, met with WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, a columnist, during the first week of January in 1909, in a small room of a New York apartment.

The first conference was held on the evening of May 30, 1909, at Cooper Union, New York City. Over 1,000 guests were invited and the initial conference was considered a success.

It was not until the second conference, held in May, 1910, that the group organized a permanent body to be known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Its first officers were listed as follows:

MOORFIELD STOREY, National President

WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING Chairman of the Executive Committee

JOHN E. MILHOLLAND Treasurer

OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, Disbursing Treasurer

FRANCES BLASCOER, Executive Secretary

Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, Director of Publicity and Research

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In November of 1910, the first edition of the NAACP official organ, "The Crisis", was printed with Dr. DU BOIS as its editor.

STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

A review of the Certificate of Incorporation at the Hall of Records, New York County Clerk's Office, on May 11, 1954, revealed that the NAACP filed its certificate for incorporation under the New York State Membership Corporation Laws on June 19, 1911. The principal objects for which the corporation was formed are:

To promote equality of rights and eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States.

To advance the interest of colored citizens.

To secure for them impartial suffrage.

To increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before the law.

To ascertain and publish all facts bearing upon these subjects and to take any lawful action thereon; together with any and all things which may lawfully be done by a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York for the further advancement of these objects.

To take, receive, hold, convey, mortgage or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of this corporation.

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted, shall be the United States of America.

The principal office of the corporation and the center of its operations shall be in the City, County and State of New Yor but the directors may establish branch or auxiliary offices elsewhere in the United States for the purpose of carrying on the work of the corporation, each to be managed by its local organization under such powers as lawfully may be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

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PURPOSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

From a pamphlet received by the writer in October, 1954, the purposes and achievements of the NAACP are as follows:

PURPOSES

To bring about complete integration of colored people into all phases of American life.

To break down segregation and the resultant inequalities in public education.

To secure enactment of federal, state and local civil rights legislation, including fair employment practices acts with full enforcement powers.

To insure justice without respect to race, creed or color in the courts.

To end police brutality and mob violence.

To guarantee the right to a "free and unfettered" ballot for colored Americans.

To end all segregation in transportation and places of public accommodation.

To secure the right of all men and women to serve their country in the armed forces without regard to race or color.

To abolish all barriers in housing, public and private, which would prevent any American from living in the place of his choice.

To support the United Nations and to combat imperialism, totalitarianism, colonial exploitation and racial discrimination throughout the world.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Admission of qualified Negro students to tax-supported graduate and professional schools in southern states.

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A full-scale attack against segregation in the public elementary and high school levels.

Investigation and successful action against unfair treatment of Negroes in the armed services and a campaign for their whole integration into all branches of the services.

Removed barriers depriving Negroes of the ballot and expansion of the Negro vote.

Outlawed enforcement of restricted housing covenants and won a series of cases which have established the rights of a Negro to occupy any property he owns or leases without interference by any governmental agency.

Defense of countless victims of racial prejudice in the courts.

A nation-wide campaign against lynching which has resulted in drastic reduction of this crime.

Precedent-shattering decisions outlawing segregation in interstate transportation.

Helped to secure passage of fair employment laws in 10 states, and an executive order against employment bias by government agencies and defense contractors.

30 victories out of 33 cases carried to the United States Supreme Court re-affirming the rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Constitution.

LEADERSHIP

From an official letterhead of the NAACP received by the writer on January 6, 1956, the leadership of the NAACP is as follows:

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SCOPE

From a leaflet distributed by the NAACP and received by the writer on January 6, 1956, the NAACP is described as an organization of a quarter-million strong in 45 states, the District of Columbia and the Territory of Alaska. The NAACP members, of all races and religions, are organized into more than 1,000 branches, which in turn form 30 State Conferences and several Regional Conferences. The national office staff covers the country, too. With headquarters in New York City at 20 West 40th Street, the NAACP maintains a Washington Bureau, in which most of the legislative activity is centered, and three regional offices: in Birmingham, Dallas and San Francisco. Local and state offices are maintained by constituent NAACP units. Field workers of the NAACP are sent wherever they are needed.

Additional information concerning membership of the NAACP is contained under the National Section of instant report.

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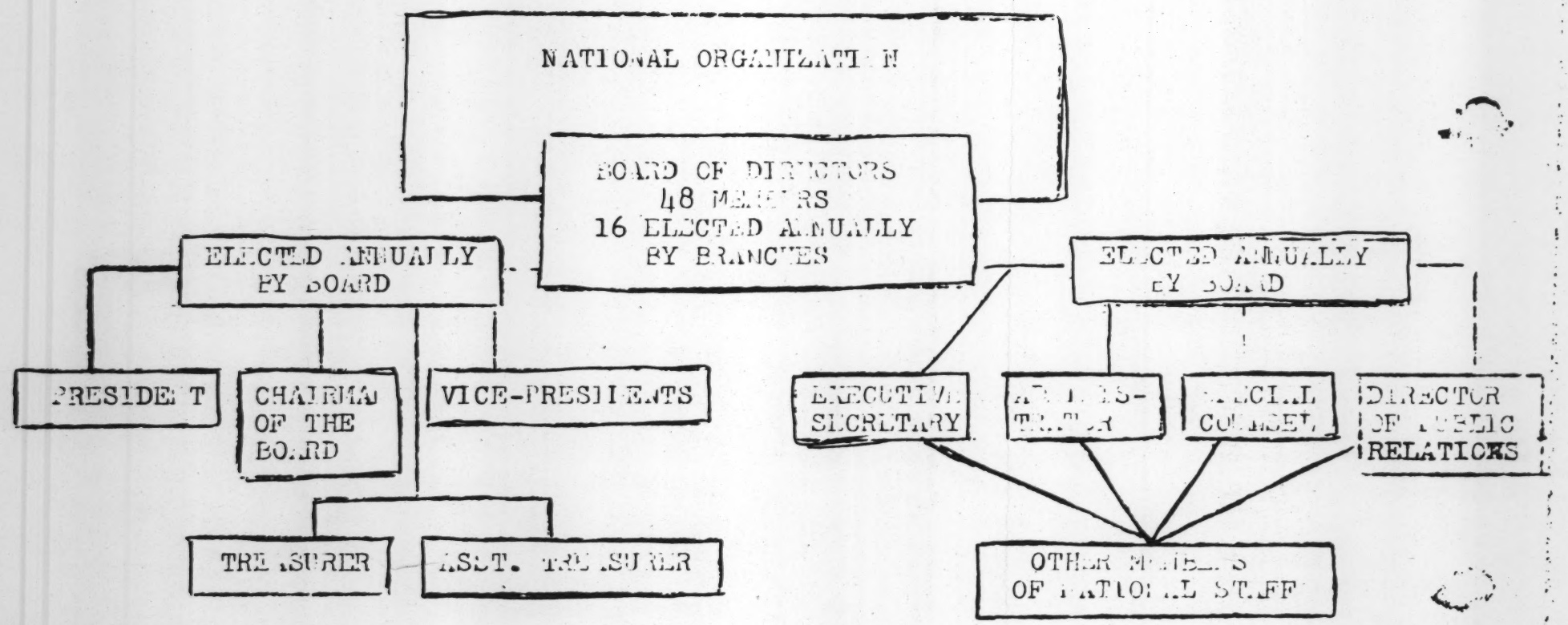

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The "Long Island Sunday Press" of June 26, 1955, page one, second news section, contained an article paying tribute to ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. This article reflected that the NAACP was an organization of approximately 260,000 persons.

The "Daily Worker," issue of May 17, 1955, page eight, column one, contained an article entitled

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"Labor's Roll Stressed in NAACP Membership Drive." This article states that an intensive membership campaign for 20,000 new members will highlight the celebration by the New York chapters of the NAACP on the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's desegregation ruling. The article reflected that the campaign, whose goal was to triple the NAACP membership locally, was to run until June 17, 1955.

The Manhattan Chapter of the NAACP was sponsoring a mass rally to celebrate the desegregation victories and to promote a borough-wide drive for 10,000 new members. The article also stated that the NAACP supporters point to the fact that, of some 250,000 members nationally, the NAACP has reported fewer than 10,000 in the New York area. The article states that this is apparently one of the smallest NAACP organizations in proportion to local population.

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The August, 1955, issue of "Political Affairs" contained an article entitled "The 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP" by DONEY A. WILKERSON. Pertinent excerpts from the article are as follows:

"The recent 46th Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People demonstrated, once again, that this organization constitutes the vital center of the Negro people's movement today. Its democratic program for Negro rights and on other social and economic questions is probably more advanced than that of any other mass organization in which

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"the Left plays so modest a role. Its policy of independent political action coincides with the requirements for breaking through the G.O.P.-Dixiecrat roadblock to progressive foreign and domestic policy. Its serious quest for allies, especially in the labor movement, will help to consolidate the democratic people's coalition for 1956. And its militant, fighting spirit reflects the mood of its quarter-million members and the Negro people as a whole.

"Approximately 800 people attended the N.A.A.C.P. Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 21 to 26. On the fourth day the Credentials Committee reported 479 voting delegates and 286 alternates, observers and fraternal delegates; others arrived toward the end of the week.

"There were 138 voting delegates and 136 others from the Middle Atlantic and New England states; the Mid-Western Regions sent 134 representatives; the Far West Region sent 52; and the Southern Regions sent 295, or 39% of the total. Approximately one-half of the 235 community branches, youth councils and college chapters represented at the Convention are located in Southern regions.

"This relatively high representation from the Southern states reflects the Association's widespread organization in the South. Some 458 (61%) of N.A.A.C.P.'s 780 community branches, 121 of its 241 youth councils, and 28 of its 64 college chapters are in the South....

"It was a serious convention. Although practically devoid of the dramatic or 'exciting' moments, it was notable for the dead-in-earnest concern of most delegates, especially those from the South, to grapple with the concrete problems they face back home. And out of it all there emerged a formulation of policy and program which underscores the key importance of N.A.A.C.P. in the fight for civil rights, civil liberties, economic

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"security and peace, and which re-emphasizes the Association's great potential for helping to consolidate the Negro-Labor Alliance in a program of independent political action.....

"To the end of implementing the 'Free by '63' slogan, the Convention defined nine specific civil rights objectives to be fought for in the period ahead. They include: (1) 'equality of job opportunity' through passage and enforcement of federal and state F.E.P. laws; (2) abolition of the poll tax and protection of the right to register for voting; (3) a stronger Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice; (4) an end to discrimination and segregation in public and private housing; (5) 'Speedy and diligent implementation of the recent Supreme Court ruling outlawing segregation in public schools, and integration of teachers on the basis of qualifications'; (6) 'legislation to guarantee complete access to public accommodations, transportation and recreational facilities on an unsegregated basis'; (7) unsegregated hospital and health service; (8) 'protection of the safety and security of all persons without discrimination'; and (9) 'initiation of a program of education in race relations by federal, state and local government agencies.'

"The civil rights issue which dominated the Convention from beginning to end was, of course, the problem of implementing the Supreme Court ruling against segregated schools. Next in importance were the fight for the vote in the South and the struggle against Jim Crow housing.....

"....Marshall outlined the Association's program for implementing the Supreme Court ruling. Each local branch in a segregated school area is to file a petition with the school board immediately requesting that it act to implement the Court decision, with periodic

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"follow-up to determine what steps are being taken. The branch is also to conduct an educational campaign in the community and to solicit the support of parents, churches, trade unions, civic groups and prominent individuals. 'Good faith compliance' by school officials is to be judged by whether they (1) recognize the principle of desegregation now, (2) plan now some implementing steps to begin this fall, (3) take some concrete steps toward integration this fall, and (4) complete the process of desegregation by September, 1956. As stated in the Directive to Branches adopted at the Regional Emergency Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 4, 'If no plans are announced or no steps toward desegregation taken by the time school begins this fall, 1955, the time for a law suit has arrived,' and the issue will be turned over to the legal department for proceedings in the court.....

"It was clear at the Convention--and has been further emphasized by National Office and local branch activities since--that the N.A.A.C.P. is determined to maintain a vigorous offensive on this segregated schools question. It was clear then--and is even more evident now--that the job of coping with the die-hard segregationist resistance is, indeed, 'going to be tough.'....

"The fight for the right to vote in the South loomed large in the discussion of several workshops. Here, again, there was impressive participation by Southern delegates. They cited a wide range of concrete problems--refusal to accept poll tax payments from Negroes, arbitrary 'disqualification' of Negro citizens by registrars, threats and violence directed against Negro voters--as in the recent murder of Rev. George W. Lee in Belzoni, Mississippi--obstacles to voting in the (now illegal) 'white primary,' and many others. They also reported significant achievements--in breaking through many barriers and increasing the number of Negro voters, in winning important footholds in the Democratic Party organization, and in the election of

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"Negroes to state and local public office. It was clear from the discussion that the right-to-vote movement is one of the most powerful civil rights struggles under way in the South and that local branches of N.A.A.C.P. are actively involved in its development.

"This question was dealt with formally in a resolution which pledges the Association 'to use all legal means to destroy restrictions and practices which adversely affect the right to register and vote.' The resolution also declares 'We believe that we can and must have three million colored voters in the South by 1956.'....

"The Convention resolution on housing 'reiterates our policy that members of all minority groups should be able to live in the place and location of their choice and economic status'; condemns discriminatory practices of 'real-estate brokers, home builders, banks and other lending institutions'; raises a number of concrete demands, diected to federal housing agencies. It is evident that here is a major civil rights issue around which N.A.A.C.P. branches are conducting widespread struggles.....

"During recent years N.A.A.C.P. conventions have been the occasion for leaders of the Association to laud the current President of the United States.....

"But a radical change was registered at Atlantic City. There the main spokesmen of the Association very deliberately hurled sharp criticisms at President Eisenhower because of his expressed opposition to the N.A.A.C.P.-sponsored anti-discrimination amendment which Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. had had incorporated in the National Reserves Bill then pending in the House, and to similar amendments proposed for pending federal-aid-to education bills.....

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"As noted in the concluding address by Roy Wilkins, sharp criticism at this Convention was directed, not only at Eisenhower and the G.O.P., but likewise at the Democrats. The very significant address by Clarence Mitchell, for example, began with the statement that 'Republicans and Democrats have united in a bi-partisan program of smothering civil rights legislation in the Eighty-Fourth Congress.' He challenged the effort of Democrats 'to hide behind the South when explaining their failures on civil rights,' pointing out that New York's Representative Celler, West Virginia's Senator Kilgore and Washington's Senator Magnuson all head committees which are sitting on civil rights bills--and that 'northern and western Representatives and Senators outnumber southern members on the Senate and House Labor Committees where FEPC is bottled up.'....

"This was the setting in which the Convention adopted its very fine resolution on Political Action. Criticizing the President and Congress for 'betraying' the fight for civil rights--'neither of the major political parties has kept a single platform pledge on civil rights legislation'--the resolution endorses the lobbying apparatus proposed by Clarence Mitchell and calls 'upon the National Office and Board of Directors to use the most dramatic and effective methods with the second session of the 84th Congress to bring civil rights legislation before the Congress for passage and before the conventions of the major political parties for consideration in the 1956 platforms.'

"In short, the Convention, very forcefully, declared the N.A.A.C.P.'s political independence from the Eisenhower Administration--a big advance over previous years; and it called for concerted pressure now on both major political parties for progressive

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"legislation--which is precisely the best policy it could adopt in preparation for the national elections of next year.....

"N.A.A.C.P. is probably more highly conscious than any other Negro mass organization of the decisive importance of trade-union support in the fight for Negro rights; and this fact was demonstrated anew at its 46th Annual Convention.....

"This recognition of the need for labor support was reflected in Labor Secretary Hill's pre-Convention letter to many trade unions, inviting them to send fraternal delegates to participate in the workshop on Organizing Labor and the N.A.A.C.P. It was spelled out even more clearly in his prepared speech on 'The Role of Organized Labor in Effecting School Integration.' Hill characterized the unions as 'a significant power group' to aid in the fight for desegregation, stressing their importance in 'helping to resolve conflicts and tensions within the general community.' He urged trade unions to issue public declarations in support of school integration, especially in the South, and 'to invoke disciplinary action against members who take part in public demonstrations against desegregation.'

"The Convention resolution on Labor and Industry is even more fully expressive of N.A.A.C.P.'s very positive orientation toward the labor movement; and it reflects a high degree of maturity on this question. The opening section 'reaffirms' the Association's 'support of democratic trade unionism and the principle of collective bargaining,' pointing out that 'hundreds of thousands of Negro workers (more accurately, nearly two million) belong to labor unions in every part of the country.'.... Then follows this

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"truly advanced call for the necessary two-way approach to building the Negro-labor alliance:

> "We urge our branches and state conferences wherever possible to seek the support of responsible trade unions for measures that we favor, and in turn give our support to such measures supported by organized labor as are consistent with our policy and program.

"The second section of the Labor and Industry resolution is on the A. F. of L.-C.I.O. merger. It 'endorses the historic merger agreement'; asserts that 'a strong and united labor movement represents a powerful weapon in the struggle to end racial discrimination in the training and employment of Negro workers'; and calls 'on the new Federation to launch an intensive drive to organize the unorganized in the South especially.'....

"The third section of the resolution headed 'Non-Cooperation with Communist-Controlled Unions,' reaffirms the Association's 'official policy that no branch or state conference of the N.A.A.C.P. will endorse, participate in, or cooperate with Communist-controlled unions or with unions dominated by underworld racketeering elements.' It makes clear that reference is 'particularly ... to those international unions expelled from organized labor for being under Communist control or under racketeering control and still under that control*'; and asserts that support given to or accepted from such unions 'will not help but rather will hinder our efforts to win adoption of our program.' Several delegates expressed vigorous opposition to this statement of policy; but it was adopted by an overwhelming majority--and without any really substantial debate.

"* Emphasis here added.

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"As reported out by the Resolutions Committee, the wording of this ban on cooperation with the independent unions expelled from C.I.O. is identical with that of the 1954 Convention resolution--with two significant exceptions. First, this year's resolution, by adding the qualification '...and still under that (i.e., Communist) control,' seemingly opens the door to N.A.A.C.P. cooperation with formerly banned unions which have effected mergers with other, politically more acceptable, internationals. Second, the 1954 Convention resolution stated that 'the prohibition against working with Communist-controlled unions shall also include the National Negro Labor Council, because it is completely Communist-dominated...'; but this item was left out of the Resolution Committee's report at the 1955 Convention. Upon being queried about this omission, the Chairman of the Committee explained that it was deliberate, based on 'advice of counsel'; and when pressed for further explanation, he stated that the provision might be construed by the courts as 'libelous.' On motion from the floor, and again with only inconsequential protest, the prohibition against cooperation with N.N.L.C. was incorporated in the resolution.

"Thus, N.A.A.C.P. again embraced as its own the C.I.O. policy of opposition to the expelled independent unions. In so doing, it once more endorsed the Big Lie now incorporated in the Brownell-Butler provisions of the Communist Control Act, about which even the anti-Communist sections of the labor movement are becoming increasingly concerned.

"It is doubtful that a score of the voting delegates at the convention could name the unions proscribed by this resolution, or that they had any real interest in the trade-union policy struggle which lies at the root of this question. They voted for the resolution because it was proposed by leaders in whom

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"they have confidence, and because they had no special reason for opposing it--especially in the anti-Communist political climate of this period. The leaders of the Association were probably motivated chiefly by a desire to hold firm their close relations with C.I.O.--even at the expense of a truly independent policy for N.A.A.C.P. But it seems to this observer that a dispute which arises within the ranks of labor and which does not involve issues of Negro rights should be fought out in the labor movement, not in the organizations of the Negro people. The N.A.A.C.P. would be well advised to end its intervention in this intra-labor conflict, because such intervention represents only a drag on the whole Negro freedom movement.....

"There was very little discussion at Atlantic City of the Cold War erosion of the Bill of Rights or of the struggle for peace; but the Convention did adopt, with little or no debate, a series of significant resolutions on these questions. The policies asserted are, for the most part, progressive; but there are also important limitations--and they operate to weaken the Association's advanced position in the fight for Negro democratic rights.

"There are several notably progressive policy statements in the civil liberties field. The resolution on Academic Freedom, for example, opposes 'any and all efforts to suppress freedom of thought and objective learning,' and particularly condemns 'the discharge of teachers on the basis of charges by 'nameless informers.'" The resolution on the Federal Security-Loyalty Program demands 'that all persons accused of being a security risk shall have the right to know the nature of the charges against them, the source of the charges and the right to be confronted by the accuser and to cross-examine the witnesses against them.' and condemns as 'odious' the Federal Government's use of 'paid professional informers.'

"The resolution on Congressional Investigations asserts that 'many innocent persons have been charged with

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"'treasonable or subversive conduct and given no opportunity to know the evidence against them or to defend themselves or their reputation with the consequent loss of their employment,' and calls 'on the Congress and the legislatures of the several states to enact rules of fair play' for the conduct of such investigations. The resolution on the McCarran-Walter Anti-Immigration Act calls 'for revision...to eliminate the national origins quota system and other racist-based provisions, and to liberalize its procedures in accordance with fair and equal treatment for all immigrants and prospective immigrants.'

"The Convention was silent, however, on the civil liberties violations entailed by the Smith Act, the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950, and the Communist Control Act of 1954. Moreover, in formal endorsement of the Big Lie which operates as the premise for precisely those violations of civil liberties which the Association condemns, the Convention again adopted, without discussion, its resolution reaffirming 'our rejection of Communism as an anti-democratic way of life,' and calling on all branches 'to be constantly alert against attempts of Communists and their sympathizers...to infiltrate and gain control of any units of our organization.'

"The Convention also shied away from certain key issues on which, with little danger of appearing 'too progressive,' it might well have advanced its position on the question of civil liberties. For example, the Supreme Court declaration that the right to travel abroad is a 'natural right' was handed down during the early days of the Convention, and has subsequently been used by several Negro newspapers as the basis for editorial demands that Paul Robeson be granted a passport. Also, shortly before the Convention, Federal Judge William H. Hastie, a member of N.A.A.C.P.'s National Board of Directors, wrote an historic dissenting opinion which exposes the fraud inherent in the imprisonment of Communists for alleged violation of the Smith Act. But the Convention ignored both of these questions; and at the same time it gave comfort to the main

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"enemies of civil liberties--always the most rabid racists--by reaffirming its policies of 'Anti-Communism' and 'Non-Cooperation with Communist-Controlled Unions.'

"Even so, it is important to note that the proceedings of this Convention were markedly free of red-baiting, either from the platform or from the floor. In sharp contrast to the 1954 Dallas Convention--which featured virulent anti-Communism from the keynote address of Channing Tobias to the concluding speeches of Ralph Bunche and Walter White--not one national leader of the Association made a red-baiting speech at Atlantic City; and there was extremely little of it from the delegates. This fact, coupled with the Resolution Committee's deliberate omission of a recommendation for non-cooperation with the National Negro Labor Council, suggests that the N.A.A.C.P. leadership may be taking a second look at the contradiction between its generally advanced position on civil liberties and its endorsement of the Big Lie of anti-Communism.....

"As with certain key questions in the civil liberties field, the Convention did not discuss or take any action on such concrete issues in the fight for peace as the situation around Formosa, the seating of China in the United Nations, the unification of Germany or the banning of nuclear weapons.

"One gets the impression that the N.A.A.C.P. is following a 'cautious' and rather opportunist policy in these fields. Whereas the Association asserts a bold and independent position in the fight for civil rights--which it properly regards as its main business--it acts with seeming deference to the Eisenhower Administration on questions of civil liberty and foreign policy, especially the latter. Where special 'Negro interests' are directly involved, N.A.A.C.P. tends to assert advanced policies, even critical of the Administration. But on many other 'hot' issues it tends to remain silent, or to make general gestures of obeisance to the powers that be--largely 'for the record.'

"The 46th Annual Convention of N.A.A.C.P. met in the context of political developments on the world and

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"domestic scenes which profoundly affect the welfare of our country as a whole and of the Negro people in particular. In what ways were these developments reflected in the Atlantic City Convention? How shall we appraise the N.A.A.C.P. as a force in the important political struggles which lie immediately ahead? What tasks are entailed for the labor-progressive movement as a whole?

"In the first place, it is clear that N.A.A.C.P. is determined to press the fight for Negro democratic rights in a big way, especially around the schools question, jobs, housing, and the right to vote in the South. Moreover, while continuing to rely heavily upon its talented lawyers and the courts, the Association is giving important new emphasis to organized legislative action focused on Congress and to mass people's struggles in the local communities. The further development of its program along these lines will surely enhance the effectiveness of N.A.A.C.P. as, without question, the foremost civil rights organization of the Negro people.

"Second, the growth of N.A.A.C.P. membership seems to lag considerably behind its potentialities and needs, especially when one considers the dynamic program, the mounting prestige and the difficult tasks reflected at this Convention. The current membership of around 450,000 is very substantial; but it is little more than half the total of a decade ago, and the decline is only partially explained by the increase of the membership fee.

"It would seem to be quite possible to build an N.A.A.C.P. of 1,000,000 or more members under the objective conditions of this period; but to do so will require a more thoroughly democratic policy in the conduct of the Association's affairs than was reflected at the Convention. The rules of procedure, for example, seriously limited participation from the floor, with but little of that full and rounded discussion and debate essential for maximum understanding of the Association's program and enthusiasm for building the organization. This Convention, like its predecessors, was tightly controlled from the top.

"In this connection, there were many evidences at the Convention that the development of youth work is being

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"seriously neglected--if not actively discouraged--by leaders of the Association. Yet, considering the increasing ferment among young people on a wide range of social questions, there is no doubt that N.A.A.C.P., with little effort, could build a vital and extensive network of youth councils and college chapters, and thus greatly stimulate the growth of the Association and enhance its effectiveness generally.

"N.A.A.C.P can be built into a much larger and far more powerful civil rights organization; and the tasks it now faces urgently require that this be done. The main thing needed, in the opinion of this observer, is for leaders of the Association to unleash the initiative of its many members and supporters below, and to rally them in truly mass struggles for the achievement of its goals.

"Third, the Convention registered a radical and very important shift of the Association away from support of the Eisenhower Administration and toward a more independent course in domestic affairs.

"Certainly, the Atlantic City Convention revealed a definite stiffening of the Association's attitude toward the President and the G.O.P.; and it was accompanied by sharp criticism of the compromising northern Democrats in Congress. There was no clear indication of the present orientation of N.A.A.C.P. leaders toward the coming national elections; but if they implement the Convention's call for vigorous independent political action during the next fifteen months, they will surely contribute much to the electoral strength of the democratic forces in 1956.

"Fourth, the Convention reaffirmed and in some respects strengthened the Association's already progressive policy on civil liberties--especially around the security-loyalty question and the Government's use of paid informers; and it made some slight steps forward on the question of foreign policy--notably in relation to the Asian-African Conference and the Geneva meeting of the 'Big Four.'

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"The continuing serious limitations of the Association's policy in these fields must be understood chiefly as a reflection of the present relations of forces in our country. On the question of 'anti-Communism,' for example, it would have been unrealistic to suppose that any explicit change of position could be registered at Atlantic City. Although the Negro people, because of their own oppression, do tend to be more sensitive than the general population to all kinds of undemocratic measures, still, given today's political climate, we could hardly expect the N.A.A.C.P. now to undertake a task which even the labor movement thus far eschews.

"Fifth, the Atlantic City Convention re-emphasized the fact that N.A.A.C.P. is the key to building the Negro-labor alliance. Not only did the Convention call for labor's help in the fight for Negro rights; it also endorsed practically all of labor's current economic demands and defended labor's right to engage in independent political action. When one considers, further, that C.I.O's Walter Reuther is a member of the Association's National Board of Directors, that there is an increasingly active Labor Department in the National Office, that the two-years-old Labor and Industry Committees are beginning to play a vital role in the local branches, and that scores of unions consider it important to send fraternal delegates to the Annual Conveniton, it is probable that no people's organization in America, Negro or white, has so conscious and organized a relationship with the labor movement as does the N.A.A.C.P. Here, surely, is the most advanced expression of the Negro-labor alliance on the current scene.

"It is clear that the Association is eager further to develop its relations with labor--as, indeed, it must. The fond reformist conceit that integration can be achieved through the good graces of the ruling class has been dealt some shattering blows in the recent period; and the leaders of N.A.A.C.P.--as is beginning to be true of other Negro people's organizations--are forced to look more and more to the working class for support. In this quest for allies in the labor movement, they will also find it necessary, in time, to reappraise their relations with the Left as a part of the working class.

"Sixth, the Convention highlighted the big opportunity now before the labor-progressive movement to cement its ties with the whole Negro people through closer cooperation with the key and influential N.A.A.C.P. There are many concrete ways in which white and Negro progressives, especially those in the trade unions, can contribute to this end.

"They can help to build the membership of the Association in the ranks of the unions. It is reported, for example, that one Negro trade unionist in the New York area recruited more than 300 new N.A.A.C.P. members during the recent membership campaign of his branch. His role could well be emulated by hundreds of trade unionists throughout the country.

"They can help to develop the N.A.A.C.P. Labor and Industry Committees into even more vital and influential units, and thereby to involve the Association increasingly in direct cooperative relations with the trade unions.

"They can encourage their unions to make financial contributions to the Association's Freedom Fund, and to take out Life Memberships for union officials.

"They can influence their unions to give active support to the legislative demands of the Association, and especially to cooperate with local branches in the fight for school integration, for non-discrimination in housing, and for the right to vote in the South.

"The most important task progressives in the unions can now undertake is to win trade union support for the Atlantic City Convention's call on the coming merged labor Federation 'to launch an intensive drive to organize the unorganized in the South.' Nothing could contribute more during this period to strengthen labor's ties with the whole Negro people than for the new Federation to carry through a massive campaign to organize many millions of southern white and Negro workers. Nor is there any other single task which

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"could now contribute more toward building the national trade-union movement and strengthening the entire democratic coalition.....

"Finally, in the light of developments revealed by this analysis, one must conclude with an over-all positive estimate of the 46th Annual Convention of the N.A.A.C.P.

"The Convention did reveal significant weaknesses in N.A.A.C.P. policy and program, especially in its continuing 'anti-Communism' and its reluctance to tackle certain very important, concrete issues in the fight for peace and freedom. Notable also in this regard is the Association's continuing failure to develop any program on the basic land question in the South. These limitations flow in large measure, from the reformist ideology which dominates the middle-class leadership of the Association. The necessary corrective lies in developing a stronger base of active trade unionists in the organization, together with much more substantial support of its program by the labor-progressive movement.

"There can be no doubt that in the context of the changing political scene, and given much more substantial support by the labor movement--a task for which progressives in the unions have a special responsibility--the N.A.A.C.P. will continue to move forward as an increasingly powerful force in the fight for the civil rights of the Negro people, and also in the broader struggle for democracy and peace. The Atlantic City Convention made important contributions to this end."

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CIVIL RIGHTS MOBILIZATION FOR WASHINGTON

The "Daily Worker," issue of October 31, 1955, page 1, column 1, contained an article entitled "Civil Rights Mobilization Set for Washington, Reuther Says." This article states that a giant people's mobilization, timed to convene in Washington early in 1956, as efforts are made to obtain passage of civil rights legislation in Congress, is planned by the NAACP and cooperating organizations. The article states that this was disclosed by WALTER REUTHER, President of the United Auto Workers (UAW) in a call to action letter to the UAW Locals and Fair Practices Committee.

REUTHER's letter accompanied a statement of the UAW's General Executive Board which contained the union's views on the deaths of EMMETT TILL and other Negroes in Mississippi and a program of stepped-up action on the civil rights front by the union of 1,500,000 members. The UAW's statement and program in part were set out as follows:

> "Our international union is working with the NAACP and a host of other organizations who are planning as a part of the total overall civil rights program a nation-wide civil rights mobilization to be convened in Washington early next year so that we and thousands of other Americans can express to Congress the overwhelming desire of the American people for the enactment of civil rights legislation."

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This article also reflects that the Executive Board authorized a donation of $5,000 to the NAACP's "Fight for Freedom Fund" and called upon the locals of the UAW to do as follows:

> "Add their local donations to the NAACP's fund to be forwarded to the NAACP's offices at 20 West 40th Street, New York City.
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> "Write immediately to Congressmen and Senators requesting that they work for and vote for enactment of effective civil rights at the opening of Congress, January, 1956.
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> "Urge Congressmen to use every influence to get pending civil rights bills in the House Judiciary Committee (there are 53 of them) reported out. They should be urged to join with others for a discharge procedure, if that procedure becomes necessary, to get the bills on the floor of Congress for debate and vote.
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> "Senators should be reminded that a filibuster can be broken when the majority of Senators desire to break it by wearing the filibuster out with the same determination and stamina as the type displayed by the enemies of civil rights."

This article, under a subtitle "World Issue," reflects that the issue of civil rights in America has become a matter of world concern. The article states that Congress has not adopted a single civil rights measure in the past 80 years, attributing this fact in a large part to the lack of a majority rule in Congress. The article concludes with a UAW statement which criticizes the Administration's failure to advance civil rights legislation.

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SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

The "Daily Worker," issue of October 20, 1955, page 1, column 2, contains an article entitled "Georgia Plans to Outlaw NAACP as 'Subversive.'" This article states that Georgia Attorney General EUGENE COOK accused the NAACP of becoming "part and parcel of the Communist conspiracy." The article states that COOK charged the activities of the NAACP and its local fronts as posing a serious threat to the peace, tranquility, the government and way of life of the State of Georgia, and promised to put the facts before the Georgia Legislature for appropriate action.

According to the article, COOK stated that his office and the staffs of Representative JAMES C. DAVIS of Georgia and Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND (D. Miss.) conducted a thorough investigation into the NAACP. COOK stated that he would welcome the chance to present the evidence in court. COOK said: "On the basis of the evidence now in hand, no other conclusion can be drawn but that the NAACP is being used as a front and tool by subversive elements in this country."

The article continues: "Either knowingly or unwittingly, it has allowed itself to become part and parcel of the Communist conspiracy to overthrow the democratic governments of this nation and its sovereign states."

The article states that COOK linked a number of the NAACP officials with Communist activity. In addition, the article states: "Through its activities, the NAACP is fomenting strife and discord between the white and Negro races in the South.... These activities, carried to their ultimate conclusion, can only result in conflict, bloodshed and internal revolution, delivering this nation into the hands of international Communism."

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The article also sets forth that ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, denounced the accusation made by Attorney General EUGENE COOK of Georgia that the NAACP was a "subversive" organization or "part of the Communist conspiracy to overthrow the U.S. Government."

WILKINS stated that COOK's speech, which was made before the Annual Convention of Georgia Peace Officers, was apparently part of a conspiracy by some Southern officials to combat the Supreme Court's order to desegregate the public schools by charging the NAACP with being subversive.

In addition, WILKINS charged that "The real subversives are those who defy the Constitution of our country and openly declare they will not obey it, or who scheme to evade it and counsel others to do likewise.

"Cook said that the Supreme Court ruling on segregation in public schools should not be obeyed. He has advised on ways and means of circumventing it. It is he, not we, who are seeking to undermine the Government of the U.S. There is nothing subversive in demanding equality under the Constitution. The Constitution prescribes equality for citizens. Those who deny that equality are subverting the Constitution."

The "Daily Worker," issue of October 25, 1955, on page 1, column 1, contains an article entitled "Eastland Threatens Witchhunt Probe of NAACP Supporters."

This article states that JAMES O. EASTLAND, Mississippi's national weapon in the fight to retain segregation, indicated that he will attempt a witchhunt "investigation" of the NAACP. According to the article, EASTLAND charged that the NAACP is "heavily infiltrated" with subversive persons. The statement by EASTLAND was made in Jackson, Mississippi, the day after Georgia Attorney General EUGENE COOK announced his proposal to have the NAACP placed on his state's "Subversive List."

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The article reflects that EASTLAND stated that Attorney General COOK was "on the right track" in branding the NAACP "subversive" and added that he thought it "timely" to investigate the group's source of funds.

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STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate the NAACP. This information is being submitted geographically by states and territories.

ALABAMA

At Birmingham, Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Birmingham Division for the period of this report.

At Mobile Alabama

No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Mobile Division for the period of this report.

ALASKA

At Anchorage, Alaska

No indication of Communist infiltration of the NAACP chapters located at Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, has been reported.

ARIZONA

At Phoenix, Arizona

No additional information has been received that would indicate that the Communist Party has accomplished any infiltration of the NAACP in Arizona.

ARKANSAS

At Little Rock, Arkansas

No information has been reported which would indicate that attempts are being made by the Communist Party to infiltrate the NAACP in Arkansas.

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Aims Concerning the NAACP

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At Denver, Colorado

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Attempts to Infiltrate
NAACP by the Communist Party

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Attempts to Infiltrate the
NAACP by the SWP

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At San Diego, California

No information has been developed which would indicate there is any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the San Diego Division.

At San Francisco, California

Attempts and Aims of Communist Party
Toward Infiltration of NAACP

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ANNA BARY was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Denver, Colorado, on August 9, 1954, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act; was found guilty as charged on May 25, 1955, by a United States District Court Jury at Denver, Colorado, and was sentenced on June 23, 1955, by United States District Judge JEAN S. BREITENSTEIN to four years in the custody of the Attorney General and fined $3,000.

Connections with the Communist Party

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BELLARMINO J. DURAN, in United States District Court, Denver, Colorado, on April 27, 1955, testified that he was a member of the Communist Party during the latter part of 1948 until April 3, 1955, on behalf of the Government. [redacted]

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CONNECTICUT

At New Haven, Connecticut

Hartford Chapter

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New Haven Chapter

An article appearing on page 23 of the December 3, 1954, issue of the "New Haven Register" entitled "NAACP Chapter Host Tomorrow to N. E. Parley" reflects the New Haven Chapter, NAACP Youth Council would be host to more than 150 delegates to the 2nd Annual Workshop of the New England Regional Conference of the NAACP Youth Council and College Chapters. The article indicates the workshop would be opened at Winchester School, 8:00 A.M., December 4, 1954.

This article indicates that registered delegates represented NAACP Youth Chapters in Hartford, Bridgeport, Stamford, Meriden, Waterbury, Norwalk, New Britain and Plainville, Connecticut.

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This article reflects that JAMES GIBBS was listed among members of the New Haven Chapter NAACP Reception Group. NATL. ASSOC. FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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An article appearing on page 23 of the January 16, 1955, issue of the "New Haven Evening Register" entitled "Levy to Address Local Chapter of NAACP Thursday" sets forth information that installation of new officers would take place at the meeting. The names of one attorney, CATHERINE RORABACK, and one SAUL FRIEDLER are listed as Executive Board members to be installed.

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DELAWARE

At Baltimore, Maryland

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Wilmington Branch

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

At Washington, D.C.

No additional information has been received disclosing any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the District of Columbia for the period of this report.

FLORIDA

At Miami, Florida

No additional information has been reported regarding Communist infiltration of the NAACP branches in Florida for the period of this report.

GEORGIA

At Atlanta, Georgia

No additional information has been received revealing any Communist infiltration of the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta Division.

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At Savannah, Georgia

No additional information has been received to indicate any Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the State of Georgia covered by the Savannah Division.

HAWAII

At Honolulu, Hawaii

It has been previously reported that the NAACP is nonexistent in Hawaii.

IDAHO

At Butte, Montana

No information has been reported indicating any attempts by the Communist Party to infiltrate the chapters of the NAACP in Idaho.

ILLINOIS

At Chicago, Illinois

Evidence of Communist Infiltration of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP

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At Springfield, Illinois

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No additional information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Springfield Division.

INDIANA

At Indianapolis, Indiana

CP Infiltration of Local Branches of the NAACP of Indiana

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Gary, Indiana Branch

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IOWA

At Omaha, Nebraska

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No additional information has been reported to indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branchs in the State of Iowa.

KANSAS

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received reflecting any attempts on the part of the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Kansas.

KENTUCKY

At Louisville, Kentucky

No information has been received indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the State of Kentucky.

LOUISIANA

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Efforts by the CP to Infiltrate the NAACP

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MAINE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine.

MARYLAND

At Baltimore, Maryland

CP Activity in the NAACP

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MINNESOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

CP Infiltration of the NAACP

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[redacted] generally there is no indication [redacted] either in the Minneapolis Branch activities or in the Minnesota State Conference, NAACP, of any concerted effort locally by the CP or CP front groups to infiltrate, control or influence the activities, policies or program of the NAACP. b1 b7C

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MISSISSIPPI

At New Orleans, Louisiana

No information has been reported to indicate Communist Party infiltration of the NAACP in the Southern District of Mississippi.

At Memphis, Tennessee

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP in areas of Mississippi covered by the Memphis Division.

MISSOURI

At Kansas City, Missouri

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branches in the Kansas City Division.

At St. Louis, Missouri.

No information has been received that would indicate any CP infiltration of the NAACP branch in St. Louis Division.

MONTANA

At Butte, Montana

No evidence of attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in Montana has been reported.

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NEBRASKA

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At Omaha, Nebraska

No additional information of attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP has been reported.

NEVADA

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No additional information has been received to indicate any CP infiltration or control of the NAACP chapters in Nevada.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received indicating any CP infiltration of the NAACP in New Hampshire.

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NEW JERSEY

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At Newark, New Jersey

46th National Convention of the NAACP
June 21-26, 1955
Atlantic City, New Jersey

An article in the "Atlantic City Press", an Atlantic City, New Jersey, newspaper, the June 20, 1955 issue, stated that the 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP would begin on June 21, 1955 and 750 delegates were expected to attend.

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EMMETT LOUIS TILL Case

EMMETT LOUIS TILL was a Chicago Negro youth who was reportedly kidnapped and slain near Greenwood, Mississippi, on August 29, 1955.

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The "Buffalo Evening News" and "Buffalo Courier Express", local newspapers, on October 6, 1955, carried news articles relative to Reverend KENNETH A. BOWEN, President of the Buffalo Chapter NAACP, as disavowing all knowledge of relationship with "a mimeographed letter being circulated by the CP of Erie County." In his statement to the press, Reverend BOWEN mentioned that "The NAACP has no known Communists within its ranks in the national or local level. We stand in strong opposition to anything with even a Communist tinge."

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Socialist Workers Party (SWP)

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Attempts of the CWP to Infiltrate the H...CP

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NORTH CAROLINA

At Charlotte, North Carolina

JUNIUS IRVING SC..LLS, Chairman, CP, U.S. District 29, was arrested on November 18, 1954 in Memphis, Tennessee following an indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury, Middle District of North Carolina, charging him with violation of the membership provisions of the Smith Act of 1940. SC..LLS was subsequently convicted in the United States District Court, Greensboro, North Carolina, and sentenced on April 22, 1955 to six years at the Federal Penitentiary.

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NORTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the MLCP in North Dakota.

OHIO

At Cincinnati, Ohio

No information has been received indicating CP influence or infiltration of the MLCP in the Cincinnati Division.

At Cleveland, Ohio

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OKLAHOMA

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP in Oklahoma has been received.

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OREGON

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At Portland, Oregon

No evidence of Communist infiltration of the N.M.C.P. in Oregon has been received.

PENNSYLVANIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Branch, N.M.C.P.

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THOMAS M. BRIED, ROBERT KLONSKY, and JOSEPH ROBERTS, [redacted], were convicted of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940 on August 13, 1954, in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on June 20, 1955. These individuals received sentences ranging from two to three years. They are presently free on bail pending appeal to the Third Judicial Circuit Court. b7c

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At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No additional information has been received to indicate that the CI has infiltrated or dominated the NAACP in the Pittsburgh Division.

RHODE ISLAND

At Boston, Massachusetts

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Rhode Island.

SOUTH CAROLINA

At Savannah, Georgia

No additional information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in South Carolina.

SOUTH DAKOTA

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in South Dakota.

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At Memphis, Tennessee

Memphis Branch

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At Knoxville, Tennessee

An item appearing in the "Knoxville News-Sentinel", Knoxville, Tennessee, on October 9, 1955, reported that at the State Convention of the N.A.C.P., in its closing session in Knoxville, it was reported that HELEN PARSONS, Knoxville, was elected to the new office of Assistant Secretary.

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At El Paso, Texas

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the N.A.C.P. in the El Paso Division.

At Houston, Texas

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the N.A.C.P. in the Houston Division.

At San Antonio, Texas

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the N.A.C.P. in the San Antonio Division.

UTAH

At Salt Lake City, Utah

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the N.A.C.P. in the State of Utah.

VERMONT

At Albany, New York

No information has been received indicating any Communist infiltration of the N.A.C.P. in Vermont.

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VIRGINIA

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At Richmond, Virginia

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of NAACP in the Richmond Division.

At Norfolk, Virginia

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the Norfolk Division.

WASHINGTON

At Seattle, Washington

No additional information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

No information has been received to indicate Communist infiltration or domination of the NAACP in the State of West Virginia.

WISCONSIN

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Subversive Ramifications

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Madison, Wisconsin, Chapter

An article appeared on page six of "The Capital Times", a daily Madison, Wisconsin, newspaper, issue of September 28, 1955, reflected that steps toward protesting the handling of the EMMETT TILL murder trial by the State of Mississippi were taken in Madison on September 27, 1955 by the Madison Chapter of the NAACP. The article reflected that among the three individuals mentioned by the chairman of a committee to seek community cooperation in protesting the handling of the TILL murder trial, was RICHARD HUNSCHCOFF.

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WYOMING

No information has been received to indicate that the NAACP in Wyoming has been infiltrated by the CP.

DISTRICTS OF PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS

At San Juan, Puerto Rico

No information has been reported of any active NAACP Branch in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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One copy of this report is being forwarded to the Albany, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee, Newark, New Haven, and Philadelphia Offices in view of the indicated activity on the part of the CP to infiltrate branches of the NAACP within these respective territories. u

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow CP infiltration of the NAACP on a national scale and report results as of April 15 and October 15, of each calendar year. u

REFERENCE Bureau letter to New York, 2/10/54
Report of SA [redacted] New York, 7/19/55. u

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"Pennsylvania Edition - The Worker" for 12/18/55 contained article, Page 16, captioned "Campaign Starts For Big Increase In Number Of Readers In Pennsylvania and Delaware." This article stated the annual circulation campaign, aimed at achieving an additional 25 per cent increase in the circulation of "The Worker" in 1956 would officialy get under way on January 1st and would run to 4/1/56.

Above for info.

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Approved:_____ Sent_____M Per_____
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cc - [redacted]
Mr. Belmont
Liaison Section
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January 16, 1956

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Dillon Anderson
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Anderson:

Reference is made to my communication dated December 16, 1955, concerning a proposed National Conference on Civil Rights or "March on Washington" to be sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People together with a number of supporting organizations at Washington, D. C., in February, 1956.

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As a matter of further interest there is attached a memorandum dated January 16, 1956, concerning recent developments in regard to this National Conference on Civil Rights or "March on Washington."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 11, 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO: New Orleans)

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[redacted] the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, which consists of 66 branches. He advised he called at this office in reference to a pamphlet entitled " A Historic Moment for the South", which contained the statement that it was issued by "Southern Regional Committee of the Communist Party - Post Office Box 464, St. Louis, Missouri".

It is pointed out for the information of the Bureau and New York that a copy of this pamphlet was sent to the Bureau and New York by New Orleans letter January 9, 1956 entitled "Communist Party, USA - Pamphlets and Brochures, Internal Security - C Bureau File #100-3-96; New York File #100-2687.

[redacted] that numerous individuals in New Orleans [redacted] copies of the pamphlet referred to above by mail. [redacted]

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[redacted] he feels that the mailing of this pamphlet may be a plot and that it could or could not have been mailed by the Communist Party. He pointed out that the "program of action" contained in the pamphlet for the CP was very largely the same program of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. He pointed out that it seemed strange to him that the Supreme Court issued its decision on segregation approximately a year and a half ago and that this pamphlet is only now being issued. [redacted] Louisiana is in the process of having a political campaign for forthcoming elections and that the mailing of this pamphlet may possibly have something to do with the elections. [redacted] did not see why the pamphlet would help any candidate, because all of the leading candidates had declared themselves for segregation. [redacted] if the purposes of the CP as listed in the pamphlet are shown to be the same as the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE that this would naturally serve to alienate NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE supporters. [redacted] had no information to substantiate that the mailing was or was not a plot but that this was his assumption.

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[redacted] NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE in New Orleans and nationally is cognizant of the fact that the CP and other alien groups are trying to infiltrate into the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. He pointed out that the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE is constantly on the alert for this and rejects the support of any such organization. He stated that he wants to make it clear that the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE believes that there are certain inequalities which must be corrected and is working toward that and by that the organization believes that the inequalities can be corrected by more democracy and not by Communism. [redacted] has never come

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in contact with any individuals he felt were Communists trying to infiltrate the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. He stated, however, that before World War II he felt that the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE organization may have had some individuals associated with the CP. [redacted]

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[redacted] he was never himself a member of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE [redacted] He stated that he could not put his finger on anyone he had ever known in New Orleans who he felt would be associated with the CP [redacted] He stated that from his observations the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE was not then dominated by the CP.

The SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE is the subject of a New Orleans case entitled "Southern Conference Educational Fund" New Orleans File #100-759, Bureau File # 100-10355. The report of SA [redacted], 11/10/55, reflects that [redacted] is now Executive Secretary of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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[redacted] It was pointed out to him, however, that any information received by this office must be maintained in confidence by order of the Attorney General and [redacted] understood the position of the Bureau in this matter.

St. Louis letter to the Director, 12/15/55 entitled "CP-USA, Internal Security -C," Bureau File 100-3-39 reports that Post Office Box 464, St. Louis, Missouri was rented by JAMES FOREST on March 23, 1953. FOREST listed his occupation as Communist Party Chairman. The letter reflected that FOREST was then Chairman of District 21, CP, USA, and was convicted of Conspiracy to Violate the Smith Act, St. Louis, Missouri in May, 1954.

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[redacted] in the event he receives any information in this matter he will immediately report this to this office. He thanked the agents for the courtesy [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: January 11, 1956

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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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The Bureau is in receipt of information that the NAACP and a number of supporting organizations contemplate a National Conference on Civil Rights to be held in Washington, D.C. in February, 1956. The Communist Party has taken an active interest in this Conference and is making determined efforts to infiltrate or control it.

All details concerning this Conference have been previously disseminated by the Bureau to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, Assistant Attorneys General Olney and Tompkins, Secret Service, G-2, ONI, OSI and Honorable Dillon Anderson, Special Assistant to the President.

The Chicago Office by airtel 1/4/56 furnished additional pertinent details concerning this Conference which should also receive dissemination as noted above.

There is attached a yellow file copy reporting this pertinent data concerning the 2/56 Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this yellow file copy be approved so that the original, which is on plastiplate, may be forwarded and ~~approximate~~ appropriate communications of transmittal prepared.

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CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director DATE: 1-13-56

FROM : J. P. Mohr

Pages A207-A209 Senator Goldwater, (R) Arizona, extended his remarks to include an address he delivered before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at Tucson, Arizona, on October 12, 1955. Mr. Goldwater in speaking on the accomplishments of of the Republican administration stated "All instances of encroachment on constitutional rights of Negro citizens anywhere in the United States have been investigated by the Justice Department and action taken to correct these abuses; for example, the quick action and fervor with which the FBI is investigating the murder of Rev. George Lee in Belzoni, Miss., has seldom been equaled in its history."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Tuesday, 1-13-56. was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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Date: January 16, 1956

To: Mr. U. E. Baughman
Chief
United States Secret Service
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 15, 1955, concerning a proposed National Conference on Civil Rights or "March on Washington" to be sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People together with a number of supporting organizations at Washington, D. C., in February, 1956. [redacted]

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In a matter of further interest there is attached a memorandum dated January 16, 1956, concerning recent developments in regard to this National Conference on Civil Rights or "March on Washington."

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Enc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 (w/enclosure)
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

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Letter to Mr. U. E. Baughman
Chief
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Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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The Inspector General (F/Enclosure)
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To: Director, FBI (100-3-81)

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Remy Daylet 1/11/56 captioned as above, which referred to the proposed "National March" on Washington, D.C. concerning the case of EMMETT LOUIS TILL, the Negro youth who was allegedly killed in the State of Mississippi in [illegible].

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[redacted] stated that the reads the "Amsterdam News," a New York City paper, and that during the week of 1/9-14/56, he had seen an article in this paper which stated that the NAACP was sponsoring a Civil Rights Mobilization for early February in Washington, D.C., and that fifty other organizations were cooperating in this endeavor. [redacted] b7D

Mr. Belmont

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cc: 3-Bureau (61-3176) RM
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Special [redacted] in Charge

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Jan. 17, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: CLARENCE A. LAWS
REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
LOUISIANA

While discussing other matters with Congressman Hebert (D., Louisiana), he told me that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People leader in Louisiana is named Clarence A. Laws, formerly a Major in the Army: [redacted]

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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Should check this there army? — yes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 19, 1956

FROM : [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7c

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Earl Godwin stated on his 6:15 p.m. radio broadcast this evening that J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI has called upon Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, to "put up or shut up" concerning statements pertaining to the FBI made by Howard in connection with the slayings of Emmett Till, Reverend George Wesley Lee and Lamar Smith. 5-1

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176) DATE: 1/19/56

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4382)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Savannah letter dated 12/16/55, to the Bureau advising that the head of the Greeleyville, S. C., Chapter of the NAACP had requested permission to use the Negro school auditorium in Greeleyville for a period of approximately twelve hours commencing at noon on January 1, 1956, for an Emancipation Proclamation Meeting of Negroes in Greeleyville, S. C.

[redacted], Williamsburg County [redacted] S. C., [redacted] JOHNNY DUKES, head of the NAACP Chapter in Greeleyville, S. C., was allowed the use of the auditorium of this school for an "Emancipation Proclamation Meeting" of Negroes in the Greeleyville, S. C., area. He stated that this meeting was sponsored by the PALMETTO STATE VOTERS ASSOCIATION which he informs is an association sponsored by the NAACP. He stated that the Palmetto State Voters Association is active only in the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina and its aim is to instruct Negroes in what they should do to qualify as voters.

[redacted] stated that the January 1st meeting lasted only from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. and was attended by 110 persons. The Chairman of the meeting was FURMAN DIMERY, colored undertaker in Kingstree, S. C., and the principle speaker was colored attorney E. D. TURNAGE of Darlington, S. C., who urged the colored people to qualify themselves as voters and then to make sure they voted. [redacted] also stated that W. J. HUNTER, President of the Palmetto State Voters Association, also of Darlington, S. C., spoke to the group and complimented JOHNNY DUKES for the splendid leadership job he has been doing in Greeleyville, S. C.

[redacted] stated that TURNAGE and HUNTER are known leaders in the NAACP and it is for this reason [redacted] is certain that the Palmetto State Voters Association is sponsored

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by the NAACP. He stated that this name has been adopted for the new association because the name of the NAACP has aroused considerable resentment among white people. He stated also that he knows of no nationwide ramifications of the Palmetto State Voters Association.

My letters dated 1/5/56 and 1/10/56, both captioned Palmetto State Voters Association, IS-X, refer to the same organization.

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176) DATE: January 24, 1956

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-2941)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, NAACP
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Re Chicago letter January 13, 1956, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, IS-C".

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Agency	Date Advised	Advised By
Secret Service, White House	1/20/56	SA [redacted]
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G-2 - MDW	1/24/56	SA [redacted]
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A pretext phone call to the Washington Branch of the NAACP on January 24, 1956, by SA [redacted] reflected no information re a "March on Washington". b7c

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

AIRTEL VIA AIRMAIL

FBI, ALBANY (100-9085) 1/19/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

COMINFIL, NAACP National Association For Advancement of Colored People
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(daylet)

The January 18, 1956, edition of the Knickerbocker News carried an article reflecting that ANNE C. BEADENKOPF, nationally known portrait painter from Baltimore, addressed the Albany Branch of the NAACP at the election of officers on January 17, 1956.

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Date: January 11, 1956

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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC, Buffalo (100-4379-100)

To: Director, ~~FBI (100-3-81)~~

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Remy daylet captioned "CP, USA, DISTRICT NO. 2, BUFFALO DIVISION, NEGRO QUESTION: IS-C, DAYLET," dated January 9, 1956, which referred to the proposed "national march" on Washington, D. C., concerning the case of EMMETT LOUIS TILL, the Negro youth who was allegedly murdered in the state of Mississippi, August, 1955. It has previously been reported by this office that the "national march" would take place February 5 through 7, 1956.

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1 - New York (100-7629) (Info.) (RM)
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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

January 23, 1956

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 16, 1956, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Internal Security - C," concerning the participation in a "March on Washington" by members of the Communist Party in Buffalo, New York.

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Any additional data coming to our attention concerning this proposed "March on Washington" will be made available to you promptly.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-416038) DATE: 1/11/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-127567)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
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100-416038-2

ReBulet, 1/4/56, captioned as above and Bulet to Assistant Attorney General WILLIAM P. TOMPKINS, dated 1/9/56, captioned Cominfil NAACP.

Under appropriate pretext, [redacted] National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 20 West 40th Street, NYC, advised SA [redacted] that the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (NLCCR) is comprised of about 50 National civic organizations which form a loose federation. [redacted] the member organizations are of National scope. The NLCCR was referred to [redacted] as an "ad hoc" organization which meets only for a particular purpose.

The NLCCR, [redacted] is not part of the NAACP, and the connection between the two organizations is that the NAACP is one of the National groups which comprises the NLCCR. In addition, ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary, NAACP, is the Chairman of the NLCCR. The NLCCR maintains no staff, or offices of its own, but is permitted to use facilities of the NAACP and work out of the NAACP office at 20 West 40th Street, NYC, when necessary. NATL. ASSOC. FOR THE ADVANCEMENT [redacted] stated that the NLCCR meets only when there is a need to meet which is usually an issue of importance to the member organizations. The NLCCR has no individual membership and is primarily a federation of organizations. The only active body of the NLCCR is the Executive Committee which also meets when necessary.

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Regarding current activities, [redacted] advised that the NLCCR is contemplating a Civil Rights mobilization in Washington, D.C. for March 1956; however, the exact date is not definite as yet. b7C

On 1/9/56, a pretext telephone call was employed. [redacted] b7E b7C advised that the NLCCR was organized as a result of a Washington Mobilization in 1949. The mobilization was regarded highly successful and resulted in about 50 civic organizations including churches and unions, to join together under the name of National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The purpose of this organization [redacted] is to further civil rights on a federal or national level by influencing national conventions of the major political parties and other national groups. [redacted] stated that the NLCCR is a non partisan organization. b7C

The Executive Committee of the NLCCR, which is comprised of representatives from about 20 of the member organizations, meets on a regular basis.

[redacted] advised that the NLCCR recently completed "Bill of Rights Day" rallies in a number of cities across the country on 12/15/55. The purpose of the rallies was to stimulate public action for the advancement of Civil Rights.

[redacted] verified information furnished by [redacted] regarding a mass mobilization to Washington, D.C. early in March 1956.

This case will remain in a pending status in the NYO. Attempts will be made to ascertain details of the mass mobilization. In the event information of the mobilization is received, the Bureau will be advised promptly.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, JANUARY [redacted]

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO (AIRTEL)

COMINFIL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. Re Albany airtel January 20, 1956, and re Buffalo airtel January 20, 1956, relative to plans of captioned organization to sponsor a mobilization in Washington, D. C. U

According to latest information available to Bureau captioned organization in conjunction with other groups is sponsoring National Conference on Civil Rights presently scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 and 5, 1956. U

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Other recipients of instant communication are also instructed to immediately contact logical sources and attempt to ascertain any pertinent information concerning the possible cancellation of this affair in Washington. Efforts should likewise be made to obtain information as to CP plans in this regard. U

It is desired that the above contacts be made in the immediate future and the Bureau advised of results no later than January 30, 1956. U

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- Buffalo (100-11950)
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1/20/56

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

From: SAC, Detroit (100-3348)

AIRTEL

To: Director, FBI (61-3176)

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DAYLET. Re Detroit Daylet 1/5/56.

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The January 21, 1956 "Pittsburgh Courier," Detroit edition, section2, page 16, column 3, captioned "Youth Group Plans Trip to Washington" states that "The NAACP Youth Council is making plans for the National Youth Conference to be held in Washington, D.C., Feb. 4-9." The purpose of this conference, according to the article, is to "hail the recent Supreme Court decision, and to discuss legislative proposals on the current reign of terror and economic pressures exerted on the Negro people in the South."

Article states that "The Youth Council plans to charter buses to transport its delegates to and from the conference." Article continues that "Any youth group church and or civic organization interested in sending delegates are welcome to travel with the Detroit NAACP Youth Council." MARY MC ADOO, [redacted] was listed as one of two persons to contact regarding travel.

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The "Pittsburgh Courier," Detroit Edition, has been described by [redacted] as a weekly newspaper reporting primarily on activities of the Negro community and is a Republican, non-communist publication.

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Assistant Attorney General
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Director, FBI

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Mary McAdoo [redacted] was listed as one of the persons to contact regarding travel.

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[redacted] has described the Detroit edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" as a non-Communist weekly newspaper reporting primarily the activities of the Negro community.

2cc SAC, Detroit (100-3348) (See note page 2)

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

ATTENTION SAC, DETROIT:

Reur airtel dated January 20, 1956.

You should continue to advise the Bureau and any interested offices of attempts by the Communist Party or Communist front organizations to influence the National Youth Conference, scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., February 6 through 9, 1956.

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Liaison Section
cc [redacted]

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Date: January 26, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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ON 5/21/82

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

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2cc Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force BY COURIER SERVICE
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4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
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2cc Director of Naval Intelligence
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William F. Tompkins

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Reference is made to my previous memoranda concerning the National Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 and 5, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and supporting organizations.

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Any additional pertinent information received in this matter will be made available to you promptly.

2cc SAC, Cincinnati (100-8230)

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ATTENTION SAC, CINCINNATI:

You should continue to advise the Bureau and interested offices of any pertinent data obtained concerning Communist Party efforts to influence the National Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 and 5, 1956.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

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I. EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE (CP, EPD) TO EXPLOIT THE EMMETT LOUIS TILL CASE

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II. NAACP SPONSORED EMMETT LOUIS TILL PROTEST RALLY HELD OCTOBER 23, 1955, AND INFORMATION CONCERNING MONROE RESOLUTION

[redacted] advised that the Till Protest Rally was held as scheduled on October 23, 1955, at the Tindley Temple, Broad and Fitzwater Streets. The informant further reported that MOSES WRIGHT spoke, stating that he had been warned not to testify in court in the TILL case; however, that he had testified regardless. WRIGHT said that after the trial it had been necessary for him to leave Mississippi under cover of darkness.

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JOSEPH KUZMA, ROBERT KLONSKY, JOSEPH ROBERTS, DAVID DAVIS and THOMAS NABRIED, et al, were convicted of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940 on August 13, 1954, in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; on June 20, 1955, these individuals received sentences ranging from two to three years; they are presently free on bail pending appeal to the Third Judicial Circuit Court.

The Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker," issue of October 30, 1955, page 16, column 3, in an article captioned "4000 Pack Meeting To Protest Anti-Negro Violence in Mississippi," stated that about 4000 persons overflowed Tindley Temple Methodist Church, Broad and Fitzwater Streets, last Sunday (October 23, 1955). The article continued that this rally was called by the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP. The high point of the meeting was "the passage of a resolution calling on Congress to make an investigation of the Congressional delegation from Mississippi as regards its number in compliance with the Constitutional provision for penalizing states which restrict the rights of citizens to vote."

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist publication.

In this connection the "Daily Worker," issue of October 27, 1955, page one, columns 1-3, carried information that a strongly worded resolution condemning the State of

Mississippi, had been introduced into the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives by SUSIE MONROE, Négro woman legislator from Philadelphia's 11th District. The article added that support for this resolution was promised by some 30 other representatives. The article continued that the Monroe Resolutaion was written by DAVID LEVINSON, a Philadelphia Civil Rights attorney, and strongly condemns the lynching of EMMETT TILL and the denial of voting rights to Negro citizens of Mississippi. The article further stated that 5000 persons who attended the mass protest rally on October 23, 1955, unanimously adopted the Monroe Resolution.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NEW YORK OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office inasmuch as the national office of the NAACP is located in New York.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
At Philadelphia, Pa.

Will follow and report the activities of the NAACP, Philadelphia, Pa.

Reference

Report of SA [redacted] dated 10/31/55, at Philadelphia, Pa. b7E

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176) AIR MAIL

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Reurlet 1/23/56 captioned as above which indicates MARY MC ADOO undoubtedly referred to the National Conference on Civil Rights scheduled for March 4 and 5, 1956.

Your attention is respectively directed to Detroit Daylet dated 1/20/56 which reflects that the 1/21/56 Detroit edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" indicates "The NAACP Youth Council is making plants for the National Youth Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., February 4-9." The conference purpose is to hail the recent Supreme Court decision and to discuss legislative proposals on the current reign of terror and economical pressures exerted on the Negro people in the South. The Youth Council plans to charter buses to transport its delegates to and from the conference.

Any other group, parish and/or civil organization interested in sending delegates to the conference are welcome to travel with the Detroit NAACP Youth Council. Inquiries regarding th[redacted] travel should be directed to Miss ANETTE RAINWATER, WA. 4-93[redacted] or Miss MARY MC ADOO, TY. 5-9846.

The above would seem to indicate that there are two conferences planned in Washington, D. C., one in February and one in March, 1956.

BROWN

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Reurairtel 1/13/56, requesting Chicago to forward two copies of bulletin entitled "The Furnace."

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the December, 1955 edition of "The Furnace" described thereon as "issued by the Communist Party of Lake County, Old P.O. Box 1132, Chicago, Ill."

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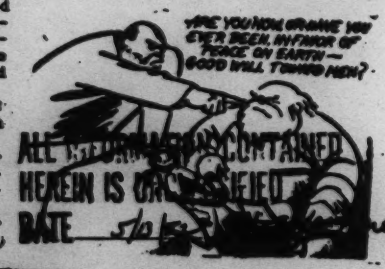
SHOP TALK

EXPANSION AT BIG MILL:

The $100,000,000 expansion program announced for the Gary Works of U.S. Steel made nice headlines, but did little else. There was once a time when a big expansion program might have met with a pleased response from the workers as a sign of continued good work. However, with years of experience behind them the Big Mill workers who have seen their tonnages climb to new highs, have also seen union membership drop some 3,000. Where do 3,000 jobs go to when production increases? Down the drain of "expansion" programs. Tonnage expansion--job elimination would be a better name...in one word, SPEEDUP.

But this new program is even phonier. While the mill plays it cagey and is liberal with the headlines and reluctant with the details, workers on the job in the projected expanding departments know that the touted expansion in many places is the replacement of existing facilities, worn to nothing by the endless push for profits.

So, while the Post-Tribune may not agree, most workers know that the expansion program is like a balloon--pretty on the outside, filled with hot air, and bound to bust.



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...vill in MISSISSIPPI

The state of Mississippi has written another shocking chapter in the history of persecution of the Negro people. On Nov. 25, Gus Coates, Negro NAACP leader in Belzoni, was shot at by a group of white would-be assasins. This was part of the answer of the lynchers to the Negro peoples' continued fight for the right to vote in the south, for justice in the Till case, for an end to school segregation. The Till case ripped the mask of democracy from the southern states and revealed to the entire world the shameless persecution of the Negro people living there. The Coates case is more of the same. As this is being written, evidence points to a similarly brutal crime in the slaying of Herbert Johnson, head of the NAACP unit in Schulenburg, Texas.

A GOOD MESSAGE:

This terror, which is shaking all sections of the nation, and especially the south, has failed to move the Federal Government. The Justice Dept., quick to persecute progressive and labor leaders, has failed to act. More pressure from the people, especially from the white workers, is needed if justice is to be won. Certainly the newly united AFL-CIO must raise its voice.

Other things that must be done:
1) Support the NAACP-sponsored March on Washington.
2) Local unions and other organizations should continue their protest, which the unions sending copies to the new labor organization.
3) Write individually calling for action from the Justice Dept.

The FURNACE

1955- BETTER THINGS TO COME

Again the time has come to wish all of you and your families the best of the season. It is with some pride that we do so for the third time in the history of our publication. As has become our custom, we glance at the past year, and look to the coming one.

No doubt the past year has seen great triumphs for the people, for the working class. In January, the nation seemed close to the brink of destructive war when the Administration pressed for its "Defend Chiang-Kai-Shek at all costs" resolution in Congress. But by the end of the year the entire world had come to agreement, at the Big Four Summit Conference, that a shooting war is impossible if mankind is to survive. Chinese and American ambassadors are negotiating some of the differences between our nations, and the world can believe that future wars will not be devastated by atomic wars.

All America was shocked by the brutal killing of Ernest Willian Lowry, Miss., and by other lynch attacks on Negro citizens in that state. But the response of the Negro people and their allies to these brutal crimes and their exoneration has struck deep terror in the hearts of white supremacists, as the liberation movement of the Negro people shows its power.

On the labor scene, amid rough strikes at Perfect Circle, at Westinghouse, and in the South, the UAW won some gains, as did steel. Most important, the "House of Labor" found itself once again united.

Politically, no great shakes came out of the Democratic Congress, while the Republican administration, by its failure on Taft-Hartley, civil rights, schools, housing etc. showed itself as ever the preferred party of the monopolies. But the people began to show their dissatisfaction by the overwhelming Democratic sweep in Indiana, Philly, etc. This was preparation for the important elections to come in 1956, one in which it is to be hoped labor will throw its weight around more than ever.

So we say to you MERRY XMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR.....AND THE NEXT YEAR FIND US CLOSER YET TO PEACE, JOBS, DEMOCRACY.

Seasons Greetings!

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FOR THE STEEL BARONS SANTA ALL YEAR

STEEL COMPANY PROFITS
(In Millions of Dollars)
(For 1st 9 Months of Year)

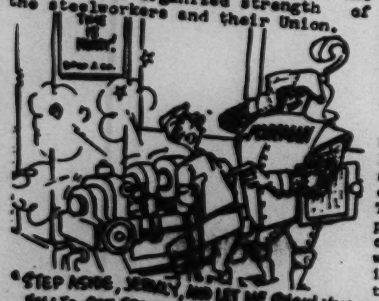
Company	1954	1955	% Inc.
U.S. Steel	138	267	93.6
Bethlehem	84	123	45.3
Inland	26	36	38.6
J & L	17	35	110.7
Youngstown	14	29	115.9

Even a quick glance at the above profit figures shows that the Steel Barons never had it so good. The tree is just loaded with increased profit goodies.

While "'Tis the season to be jolly" for you and me, for the steel industry "'Tis the season" for price increases, no settlement of grievances, increased speedup and more censures.

Steelworkers can't help but wonder if the industry, bloated with profits, will feel like Santa come next July and Contract time. Will we have a "Christmas in July" with a pay increase, time and a half for Sunday ste?

Judging by past performances it is doubtful that the steel industry will ever give away anything. Most of us know that in July there won't be any Santa, there will only be the power of the organized strength of the steelworkers and their Union.



New Castle a Warning to Labor

Imagine the smug looks in the Manufacturers Clubs when the news of the Perfect Circle-UAW settlement came. The Perfect Circle formula of scabs bullets and NLRB ballots, of political connections to the White House itself, of Sherman tanks and martial law had been at least partially successful from the point of view of those who fear the working people.

Where there were once four UAW locals, three have been beaten, leaving only the Newcastle foundry workers. They voted by a margin of 86-72 to return to work with a contract far below the pattern in auto, with no kind of GAW, no union shop. The leaders of the local are either suspended for 30 days, or fired subject to arbitration.

But the same smug smiles are not firmly planted on the boss classes' face, for New Castle has brought a strong reaction from all of labor. The repercussions of Gov. Craigs order using Guardsmen to help break the strike have just begun. In voices ranging from whispers to shouts "Remember Newcastle" is becoming labor's political slogan for Indiana. This was obvious when the workers handily ousted Newcastle Republican Mayor McCormak, and did the same in Richmond. In varying degrees New Castle was everywhere in the Democratic sweep of Indiana cities, and will still be there in '56.

On the other hand, the slow and at times confused reaction of labor leadership to Newcastle gave the bosses and their political servants an early lead which had to be overcome. The just-created AFL-CIO can well ponder the meaning of Perfect Circle, can think about the fact that they were sometimes not leading but trailing the Indiana working people who told Craig off on election day. If all their thinking leads to real mass united Labor support next time the strike will have accomplished much.

AT LAST - LABOR UNITY!

When Reuther and Meany joined hands to bring the big gavel down on the rostrum, it was the signal which joined 16 million American workers into one Federation, thus ending the formal division in labor ranks for the first time in 18 years.

This was the result of much agitation and action. The merger of the AFL and CIO has long been sought by many, first of which were the Communist and progressive workers. Running often into stumbling blocks of desire for personal power and real policy differences, the merger was finally achieved under the impetus of rank and file demand and attacks from reaction. Thus, it represents a triumph of maturity for the American labor movement, one which all organized and unorganized workers should surely hail.

But now that the merger has been achieved, it is necessary to look at the problems that still remain, and there are many. For example, Mike Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union, rose at the CIO's final convention, to state that the merger failed to provide adequate safeguards against what he called the Three R's: racketeering, racial discrimination and raiding. Simultaneously, A. Philip Randolph, President of the AFL Sleeping Car Porters Union, stated that the new constitution did not provide an end to discrimination. These two men, often distinguished by their rabid redbaiting, were voicing fears in the minds of thousands who, with great hope in heart, feared that the new federation would not do a job on these issues.

More dissention began to appear when the Western Federation of the Teamsters Union, headed by Republican Dave Beck, announced completion of a mutual aid pact with the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers, who are at present before the Subversive Activities Control Board on charges of "Communist infiltration". The hue and cry, which came as a result points to the unwillingness of many "labor leaders" to seek real trade union unity, including those of all political opinions.

When Senate Republican Barry Goldwater stated that "labor has no right to endorse candidates", this was effectively answered by Reuther and Meany, thus pointing to one of the many jobs to be done.

Finally, and in a sense most important is the fact that Meany, elected as the new head of the Federation, once again assumed his role as one of Americas leading war mongers, making a time when other unions, such as the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, are calling for more exchange delegations and for "taking the plunge to peace" points to what may be a real policy difference in the near future.

The new organization can prove to be a great boon to labor, unless labors forces in the organizing and political arena. If the rank and file will exert its power to the new federation head in the direction of all-inclusive unity, of peace, of an end to discrimination and racketeering, it will prove to be the most important event in American labor history since the founding of the CIO.

cc: [redacted]

G. W. P. -! b7c

Assistant Attorney General
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Reference is made to my previous memoranda concerning the National Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 and 5, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and certain supporting organizations.

For your information there is enclosed herewith one copy of the December, 1955, edition of "The Furnace" described therein as "issued by the Communist Party of Lake County, Old P. O. Box 1132, Chicago, Ill." Your attention is directed to the article under caption "No 'Peace, Goodwill' in Mississippi," on page four of this pamphlet which urges that support be given to the "NAACP-sponsored March on Washington."

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Pages A178-A179 Congressman Diggs, (D) Michigan, extended his remarks to include a reply by the National Association for the [illegible]red People to certain statements made on the floor of the House on January 5 and 9, 1956, regarding [illegible] Congressman Lanham, (D) Georgia, and [illegible] the FBI's investigation of the selection [illegible] in Co[illegible]ounty, Georgia. This was set forth in a [illegible] earlier today.

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DIRECTOR (61-3176)

COMINFIL NAACP
IS - C National Association For Advancement of Colored People

Re Detroit airtel 1/26/56.

Info. re National Youth Conference by NAACP Youth Council 2/4-9/56, has been disseminated to local agencies.

Detroit Keep WFO advised of any additional info. in order that it can be disseminated.

UACB WFO will make no attempt to cover such conference as no indication not legitimate NAACP activity.

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To: DIRECTOR ~~(100-3-81)~~

COMINFIL, NAACP, IS-C - DAYLET.

Remydaylet 1/16/56 captioned as above which referred to the "National March" on Washington, D.C. concerning the case of EMMETT LOUIS TILL. Reference is also made to my daylet captioned as above dated 1/11/56 [redacted]

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-3348)

TO: Director, FBI (61-3176)

COMINFIL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, IS-C

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All Informants contacted stated they would immediately advise the Detroit FBI Office of any information re the National Conference on Civil Rights which they might receive.

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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William F. Tompkins

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From SAC, CHICAGO (100-8261)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)
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Bureau and Memphis will be advised of any additional information received re above.

Memphis advise Bureau, also Chicago, of any information received regarding this matter.

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1 - CG 100-18956 (CP, USA, DISTRICT 8, NEGRO QUESTION)
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Approved: [redacted] Sent
Special Agent in C[redacted]

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Re: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Information furnished by [redacted] appeared in the following reports on the referenced organization under the following T symbols: b7D

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted]

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted] b7C b2

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted] b7D

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 1/23/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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I have been informed by reliable sources that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is up in arms over the inaction on the part of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and their failure to investigate such matters as the deprivation of voting privileges to the Negroes in the South and their failure to pick up the Look Magazine article in the Till case.

b7c

The attached Washington News Service ticker of 1/19/56, carries an announcement that a formal communication was sent to the Hennings Subcommittee urging them to take action. I am further informed that the NAACP is very much annoyed at the dilatory tactics of the Hennings Subcommittee and that Clarence Mitchell, Washington representative of the NAACP, contemplates a public blast unless he gets some action early this week.

cc - Mr. Boardman

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SAC, New York (100-7629) February 2, 1956

Director, FBI (61-3176)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 17, 1956, at New York. b7C

The following corrections have been made in ink in copies of referenced report at the Bureau:

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You are instructed to clarify the first sentence in the [redacted] in order that appropriate changes can be made at the Bureau in copies of Special Agent Constantino's report.

You should also advise the Bureau if [redacted] b7D

You should also bring to the attention of Special Agent [redacted] the fact that the synopsis in the report contains the phrase "set forth" 8 times. The constant use of this phrase is monotonously repetitious and should be discontinued in the preparation of future investigative reports. b7C

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Letter to SAC, New York

Copies of referenced report are not being disseminated at the Bureau pending a reply from your office concerning the above corrections. It is expected this matter will be handled expeditiously.

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cc - Liaison Section [redacted]

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61-3176

Date: February 2, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

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Any additional pertinent information received in connection with the National Conference on Civil Rights will be made available to the agencies receiving copies of this communication without delay.

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Temp E
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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Communist Infiltration, National Association for Advancement of Colored People
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National Association for Advancement of Colored People

The "Washington Post and Times Herald", a Washington daily newspaper, issue of 2/6/56, carried an article "Assembly Called on Civil Rights". It reflects that ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP announced a "National Assembly" sponsored by the "Leadership Conference on Civil Rights" at the Willard Hotel 3/4-6/56. The leadership conference is composed of church, labor, fraternal, civic and minority-group organizations. The assembly will meet in connection with a "Showdown fight" for enactment of Civil Rights Legislation by Congress.

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Records of General Services Administration made available through [redacted] checked on January 6, 1956, by [redacted] reflect that a [redacted] Administrative Services Division, U. S. Department of Labor, made reservations for the interdepartmental Auditorium in the Department of Labor Building on behalf of the NAACP for 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on March 4th and from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on March 6, 1956.

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Local investigative agencies and police have been advised of definite plans of conference.

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Transmit the following message to:

FBI, CHICAGO (100-8261) 1/31/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

COMINFIL - NAACP
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Re previous correspondence regarding NAACP participation in Conference on Civil Rights scheduled for March, 1956, in Washington, D. C., and previous information regarding the role of the Illinois-Indiana District CP in this matter.

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(3) - Bureau RM
1 - WFO (100-2941)(COMINFIL - NAACP) RM
5 - Chicago

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February 7, 1956

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Director, FBI

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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You will be advised promptly of any additional pertinent details received by the Bureau in connection with the National Conference on Civil Rights.

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From SAC, NEW YORK (100-7629)

To: BUREAU (61-3176)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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ReBulet 2/2/56 pertaining to corrections to [redacted] in the report of SA [redacted] dated 1/17/56 at NY. b7c

The Bureau and auxiliary offices are requested to make the following corrections in copies of above report:

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Special Agent in Charge

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Memphis is requested to suairtel to the Bureau, which is holding dissemination of referenced report pending a reply. Memphis is also requested to advise NY and other offices receiving a copy of this communication as to the proper designation of the above CP Club.

The NYO upon the receipt of a reply from Memphis will correct NY copies and will, under separate communication, notify the local investigative agencies of the corrections. Form errors have been charged against appropriate personnel.

KELLY

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Mr. Belmont
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January 23, 1956

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

b7c

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read a copy of your letter to Dr. T. R. M. Howard, Mound Bayou, Mississippi, with genuine approval. I feel quite certain that this man Howard's activities and objectives are being financed by the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., which the Treasury Department has qualified as an exempt organization under income tax law, and, therefore, they are carrying on their vicious attacks against the good white and colored people of the South and against your organization with the tax payers' money.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of January 20, 1956, to the Honorable H. Chapman Rose, Under Secretary of the Treasury, in which I challenged him or anyone else in the Treasury Department to prove that the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., has qualified as an exempt organization under the income tax law.

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For your information, I am also enclosing copies of my letters of October 20, 1955, and November 3, 1955, to [redacted] Tax Rulings Division, U. S. Treasury Department, Washington 25, D. C.

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I believe if you will have your legal department refer to section 501(c) (3) of the Code of 1954 and review some of the activities and objectives of the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., you will agree that this organization lacks a lot of qualifying as an exempt organization under the income tax law.

Very truly yours,

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November 3, 1955

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Tax Rulings Division
U. S. Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 5/14/82 BY SP-3 [illegible]

Re: [redacted]

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 31, 1955, your file T:R:PEP:S:WHP, in reply to my letters of August 30, September 9, 12, 19 and 27, and October 3, 7 and 10, 1955, relative to the status for Federal income tax purposes of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the N.A.A.C P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. You state, and I quote: "From your letters it appears that you are under the impression that the two organizations named above are the same. In this connection, it is desired to point out that they are separate organizations and their correct names are as shown above." It is quite true that I have had the impression that the two organizations are the same. There is plenty of documentary proof showing that many of the activities and objectives are the same; therefore, I submit that the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., should not be exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code of 1954.

Let me cite proof of the fact that the activities and objectives of the two organizations are the same. I have before me a letter written under date of October 13, 1954, by Lillian Smith. The letter was written on the stationery of the "Committee of 100". The letterhead shows that Norman Thomas, head of the "Socialist Party", is a member of the "Committee of 100". I quote the following two paragraphs from Lillian Smith's letter:

> "We of the 'Committee of 100' have pledged to raise a special fund of $100,000 to be used to stem this tide of bigotry and hatred, by sending experienced and understanding men and women into these towns to give what guidance they can in these emergencies. Some of these are southern white men; some are northern; some are Negroes; all are experienced. All can be of real help to both the Negro and white communities...
>
> "Won't you, today, send a check large or small, for the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund? It will be used wisely. It will bring our country large returns as our people help the communities work out constructive ways of meeting this great challenge."

Lillian Smith, of course, is a member of the "Committee of 100". The name of Lillian Smith and the names of many other members of the "Committee of 100" are to be found in the Files of the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, on account of having been affiliated with organizations that the Committee on Un-American Activities has listed as "Communist-front organizations."

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October 20, 195

I now appeal to you to secure from the House Un-American Activities Committee the same information which Attorney General Cook secured regarding the subversive records of the officers of the NAACP, and let me have your explanation as to why your Department continues to allow the NAACP to carry on its subversive activities on tax-free money.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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October 20, 1955

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Internal Revenue
U. S. Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

I have before me a news item under Atlanta dateline stating that Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook charged the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as being subversive in their anti-segregation crusade. He said his statements were based on long investigation by his staff and the staffs of Representative Davis (Congressman from Georgia) and Senator Eastland of Mississippi. The Attorney General charged that the activities of the NAACP "and its local fronts pose a serious threat to the peace, tranquility, government and way of life of our state."

Congressman James C. Davis of Georgia stated that Attorney General Cook had asked him for certain information from the House Un-American Activities files, and that he furnished the information requested. Attorney General Cook claims that the information which he obtained from the House Un-American Activities Committee "reveal records of subversive connections or fellow-traveling by more than 50 NAACP officials or employees. He listed these as including the president, the chairman of the board, the 'honorary chairman,' 11 of 28 vice presidents, the treasurer, 28 of 47 directors, the chairman of the National Legal Committee, the executive secretary, the special counsel, the assistant special counsel, the Southeast and West Coast secretaries, the director of the Washington bureau, the director of public relations and two field secretaries."

In my letter to you of September 27, which to this date you have not acknowledged receiving, I stated: "I have been quite reliably informed that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been classified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as being a 'subversive organization'. May I urge you to secure from the Federal Bureau of Investigation their confidential information regarding the activities and objectives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and also the information suggested in the last paragraph of The Commercial Appeal's editorial, that is, regarding the source of the NAACP's income and to what extent Red infiltrators have penetrated the NAACP. If your Department will make a thorough investigation of the activities and objectives of this organization, which is now operating on tax-free money and which is carrying on a vicious and unlawful attack on the good white and colored people of the South, I am sure that you will discover that the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., is not operating within the intent of the statute and, therefore, is not entitled to retain its status as an organization, contributions to which are deductible for Federal income tax purposes."

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November [illegible]

May I ask, please, why the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., should be allowed to carry on their vicious and cruel attacks upon the good white and colored people of the South at the expense of the tax payers of this country on account of con tributions' to this organization being deductible from Federal income tax.

[redacted]

In your letter to me of October 31 you stated: "We wish to thank you for the information you have submitted and to assure you that it will be given careful consideration." Is there any wonder in your mind that many should begin to doubt that you and your Department are giving this matter careful consideration? By the way, may I call your attention to the fact that to this date I have received no reply to my letter of October 20, 1955.

Very truly yours,

[redacted] b7c

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January 20, 1956

Honorable H. Chapman Rose
Under Secretary of the Treasury
14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rose:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 16, 1956, in which you state that the Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey had asked you to reply to my letters of October 25 and November 3, 1955, and that you understand my letters to Mr. Swartz concerning the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., have now been answered. With due deference, let me state that I have not received a satisfactory reply to any of my letters.

In the second paragraph of your letter you state:

> "I am sure you understand that all rulings issued by the Service relating to the status of organizations for income tax purposes are based upon the purposes and activities of the particular organization under consideration as shown by the evidence available at the time the ruling is issued. However, it is a regular part of the procedure of the Service to review from time to time the operations of organizations which have been allowed exemption to determine whether they continue to qualify as exempt organizations under the income tax laws."

I challenge you or anyone else in your Department to prove that the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. have ever qualified as exempt organizations under the income tax law, and with due deference, I wish to state that the Treasury Department has made no effort to review from time to time the operations of the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. which are illegally operating on the tax payers money.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Hon. George M. Humphrey
Hon. Sherman Adams
Mr. M. T. Swartz
Mr. P. Henry Needham

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January 30, 1956

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated January 23, 1956, with enclosures, and indeed appreciate the concern prompting you to bring this material to my attention and to make your observations known to me.

With reference to the enclosed copy of your letter of [redacted] of the Internal Revenue Service, I would like to call your attention to the third paragraph wherein you mention that you had been quite reliably informed that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had been classified by this Bureau as being a "subversive organization." In this regard, I wish to advise that it is not within the province of this Bureau's authority to designate or classify any organizations as being subversive or to make public any information in our files concerning such groups. The FBI, of course, has no jurisdiction over the tax status of this organization.

I do hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have information in our files concerning the organization that you mentioned. Since this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency, we are not authorized to make evaluations or render legal decisions concerning any groups, such responsibility being retained by the Department of Justice.

It is a pleasure to be of service whenever possible.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect considerable cordial correspondence with [redacted] He enclosed, among other things, copies of letters he had directed to Treasury Department officials, wherein he sets out views on the NAACP and his opinion that it is [redacted] a subversive nature. [redacted]

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Date: February 7, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to my previous memoranda concerning the National Conference on Civil Rights scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 and 5, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and certain supporting organizations.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

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Any additional pertinent information received by this Bureau in connection with the National Conference on Civil Rights will be made available to the agencies receiving copies of this communication promptly.

2cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

2cc - Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
20 WEST 40th STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
LOngacre 3-6890

January 24, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your letter of January 16th enclosing a copy of the letter to Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. The delay in answering your letter has been caused because it was mistakingly sent to Chicago, Illinois by the post office and we received it last Friday. It was held for my attention on return to the office this morning.

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In the first place, I think we should make it clear that Dr. T. R. M. Howard has no official connection of any kind with the N.A.A.C.P. other than he is a member of one of our Mississippi branches. His speech making throughout the country is strictly on his own and we have found that he has made these speaking engagements without any consultation with us. This is true even of the meetings that he has spoken to at the request of local branches of the N.A.A.C.P. We neither sponsor him nor do we vouch for what he says. He is in very sense of the word a rugged individualist.

However, we did undertake the task of straightening out the situation brought about as a result of his speech to the Baltimore Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. On the other hand, I do not see what we can do concerning his recent statements. I have gone this far. I have explained to N.A.A.C.P. officials in the office and in the field wherever I have gone that the F.B.I. has no responsibility at all for instituting criminal prosecution. As I understand it, the F.B.I. makes the investigations and the decision as to whether or not to institute criminal prosecution is the sole province of the Attorney General and/or the First Assistant Attorney General. I am also aware and I have made it clear whenever called upon to do so that in civil rights matters, the investigation as well as the prosecution is controlled for the most part by the Attorney General's office.

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I appreciate your sending me copy of your letter to Dr. Howard and I will continue, as in the past, to base public statements on facts. I am also hopeful that the N.A.A.C.P. itself will continue to make statements and react solely on the basis of fact.

Sincerely,

Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel

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February 2, 1956

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 24th. I, of course, thoroughly understand your position and that of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with reference to Dr. T. R. M. Howard.

Dr. Howard, incidentally, acknowledged my letter of January 10th with two communications, one of which he made public. The other purported to document his charge of a leak in the FBI. The fact of the matter is the person Dr. Howard named had never been contacted by the FBI so it would have been impossible for any information, which was never in the possession of the FBI, to be given to persons outside the Bureau. On the other hand, we have ascertained the person named by Dr. Howard did contact a local Chief of Police in Mississippi about voting rights and was referred to the local election officials.

In addition, there were other matters set forth in Dr. Howard's letter which were incorrect and his original charge that, Confidential information usually leaks from the local FBI offices and witnesses in Negro slaying are subjected to pressures as a result, was found to be incorrect on the basis of the established facts.

[redacted]

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Rosen
cc - Mr. Jones
~~cc - Attorney General under cover memo 2-2-56~~
~~cc - Deputy AG Rogers, cover memo 2-2-56~~

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From SAC, BUFFALO (100-11950)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

COMINFIL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP), [redacted] - C.

[redacted] was advised of a National Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights scheduled for March 4, 5, 6, 1956, in Washington, D. C., sponsored by the NAACP (nationally). [redacted] the letter stated every branch of the NAACP will be allotted two delegates and two alternates in each of their congressional districts [redacted] The letter suggested that after the delegates are elected, their credentials be sent to the national office of the NAACP for certification. Accompaning each delegate to the assembly in March would be a special form signed by the president and secretary of the respective branch certifying the person as a bona fide delegate.

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[redacted] unaware of the exact purpose of assembly, but opined efforts would be made by delegates to induce their congressmen to set up legislation beneficial to Negro Civil Rights. [redacted] letter recommends delegates be known to their respective Congressmen.

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Mr. Belmont [redacted]

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Approved: [redacted] Special Agent in Charge M Per

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FROM SAC, NEW HAVEN FIELD

2/3/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

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COMMUNIST, NAACP, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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DAYLET

Re Buffalo Daylet 1/31/56 captioned as above. b7c

The "Daily Worker" issue of 2/3/56 contains an article "Mass Lobby to Hit Capital March 4 for Civil Rights." This article reflects that approximately 2500 persons will gather in Washington for a Civil Rights Mobilization on March 4,5 and 6. They are to register on March 4 and attend an opening mass meeting that night at the Interdepartmental Auditorium in the Labor Dept Building. All other sessions are to be held in the Willard Hotel. The NAACP was not mentioned. b7c

The announcement was made by ROY WILKINS, Chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights who stated delegates were to be from 51 groups affiliated with the Conference. The mobilization is to be more effective than the one in 1950 and was spurred by the protest against the murder of EMETT TILL. Its stated aims are to demand passage of bills to protect the individual and the right to vote, and to ask more power for the Justice Dept in dealing with Civil Rights matters.

Possibility that ROY WILKINS mentioned in article is the national executive secretary of the NAACP.

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WFO will verify group's use of auditorium and Willard Hotel and will suairtel.

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Mr. Belmont

cc: [redacted]

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From SAC, Detroit (100-3348)

To: Director, FBI (61-3176)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, IS - C.

DAYLET. The February 12, 1956 edition of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker," page 16, columns 3 and 4, carries an article captioned "Rights Lobby," which is datelined Detroit. The article reads as follows: "The great civil rights lobby backed by 30 national organizations, including the United Automobile Workers Union, will hit Washington on March 4, with 2,500 delegates expected. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced the mobilization will definitely be held March 4, 5 and 6."

The article continues, "This is the mobilization which the recent UAW FEP conference in Grand Rapids backed, urging in a resolution that WALTER REUTHER uncork the strength of organized labor to make it a success. A NAACP spokesman told the worker that emphasis will be placed upon getting the widest grass roots representation from congressional districts. That means local unions, organizations, societies, fraternal groups, churches can send delegates."

The article concludes with, "This mass lobby was spurred by the upsurge of protest against the murder of EMMETT LOUIS TILL and others in Mississippi and the rise of White Citizens Council racism in Southern areas. Michigan is expected to send several hundred delegates from local unions and other groups."

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Mr. Belmont

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